



## THE 2023 **HALLOWEEN EDITION** OF THE GUERRILLA FILMMAKING CHALLENGE!

Attention filmmakers of all ages and all skill sets! The 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge is upon us. You'll have just over a month to put together a short film using any resources available to you. Then, you'll have the rare opportunity to watch your creation on the big screen with a packed house. For novices, don't feel daunted by the task at hand. Simply do your best. For those of you who have done this before, push yourself in exciting new ways.

We also encourage you all to join [FMASU's Filmmaking Connection](#) on Facebook if you're looking for help on your projects. Performers, editors, composers, writers, etc. FMASU's Filmmaking Connection is a great resource. It's also a great place to lend one another a hand in an effort to help our filmmaking community grow and succeed.

All completed Guerilla shorts will be showcased on the big screen at the Eccles Theater (on UTU Campus) on Friday, October 13th at 7 PM (Doors at 6:30 PM) during our 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Shorts Showcase event!

*\*Sidenote; **You're not officially signed up for the 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge until you've registered by paying your submission fee.***

*Submission fees are non-refundable (regardless of whether or not you complete your project) as collected money goes towards Guerilla prize packs and towards the production of the Showcase event. Those who sign up during the first weekend will receive \$10 off the \$50 submission fee as well as an additional 60 seconds towards their project running time.*

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### **KEY POINTS**

- ***Registration/Submission Payment Portal Goes Live on Friday, September 1st at 7 PM(MST) and closes on September 16th.***
  - ***Only \$50 Per Film Submission (\$10 off if you sign up during the first weekend)***
    - ***Submission Deadline is Monday, October 2nd at 11:59 PM (MST)***
  - ***You Won't Officially be Signed Up For the Challenge Until You Register and Pay the Fee***
- ***5 Minute Running Time (An Extra 60 Seconds For Those Who Sign Up in During the First Weekend) using provided criteria***
  - ***We will provide a Guerilla Logo for filmmakers to include in their end credits***
- ***All Completed Short Films Will Screen During the 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Shorts Showcase Event at The Eccles Theater (UTU Campus) On Friday, October 13th at 7 PM (MST), Courtesy of UTU, Utah Tech Studios, and DocUtah***

### **GUIDELINES, TOPIC, AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

*Please read the following rules and guidelines thoroughly as a missed step could disqualify your film from prize eligibility.*

1. After completing your film, email your downloadable Guerilla submission film file to [info@fmasu.com](mailto:info@fmasu.com) with “2023 Halloween Guerilla” in the subject bar. The submission deadline is Monday, October 2nd at 11:59 PM (MST.)
2. Your film **must** be 1080P. No 4K.
3. Your film file cannot be larger than 1.5 GB.
4. Your film can be shot in any format provided it's submitted properly.
5. Please include 2 seconds of black screen at the beginning and end of your film. This is for programming purposes. These 4 seconds will NOT count towards your film's running time.
6. Your film must utilize the given topic alongside 1 of the 5 offered props listed in these Guidelines.
7. Your film must be no longer than 5 minutes (Including credits.) **Sidenote:** A reminder that anyone who registers for the Challenge between Friday, September 1st at 7 PM(MST) and Sunday, September 3rd at 11:59 PM (MST) will receive \$10 off their submission fee as well as an extra 60 seconds towards their film's running time.
8. In terms of content, this challenge is open to all ages so please be mindful of that. No excessive language and no sexual situations. That said, this is the Halloween Edition! Have fun with tone and feel free to scare the daylights out of us.
9. Per licensed music and footage used in your projects, we will leave that to your discretion. If there's something you want in your film, that's your choice, but keep in mind, that you won't be able to submit your projects to festivals (or post on YouTube) unless you have clearance on any copyrighted material. FMASU and Southern Utah's Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge are not liable for the use of unauthorized content.
10. **Do not post your film online until after “The Guerilla Shorts Showcase” event on Friday, October 13th.** We want to create a “premiere” environment for both filmmakers and attendees.
11. We do not have ownership of your films but we will archive them on our Guerilla YouTube Channel. Should you take your film on the festival circuit and require us to pull it from our YouTube channel for that reason, contact us and arrangements will be made.

12. You must include our 2023 Halloween Guerilla Challenge logo in your end credits. It's in the email you just received and it can also be located at [fmasu.com/halloweenedition..](http://fmasu.com/halloweenedition..)

13. All completed Guerilla shorts will be presented on the big screen during the 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Shorts Showcase on **Friday, October 13th at the Eccles Theater (UTU Campus.) Doors at 6:30 PM. The show will start at 7 PM.** Please note that this event will be held at the Eccles Theater on UTU campus as opposed to The Electric Theater. Special thanks to Utah Tech University, Utah Tech Studios, and DocUtah for their assistance.

14. There will be cash prizes awarded to the best Guerilla shorts of the lot.

15. In addition to a cash prize, the 1st place-winning Guerilla Short will be an official selection at the 2023 HorrorFest International Film Festival, running Wednesday, October 18th thru Saturday, October, 21st. Speaking of which, your Guerilla submission won't only come with one free ticket to The Guerilla Shorts Showcase on October 13th. It'll also come with a screening badge to HorrorFest International. This badge will grant you admittance into all HorrorFest screenings over the course of four spine-tingling days. We ask that you take full advantage of this incredible opportunity and take in as many HorrorFest screenings as possible in a showing of support to our visiting filmmakers.

*\*Sidenote; That's one Guerilla Showcase ticket and one HorrorFest International 4-day Terror pass per paid Guerilla submission.*

16. Tickets to the 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Shorts Showcase are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (11 and under.) Tickets will go on sale on September 5th!

17. Now...It's the moment you've all been waiting for! The topic for the 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge is;

## **“Urban Legend”**

***An urban legend is an often lurid story or anecdote that is based on hearsay and widely circulated as true. For example; Bloody Mary, the Headless Horseman, or Jason Voorhees.***

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***As for the route you take with your film, there are plenty of urban legends to be found online or, feel free to make up your own. The choice is yours.***

Additionally, you must also include ONE of the following items in your film;

- 1. A jack-o-lantern**
- 2. A black cat**
- 3. A hockey mask**
- 4. A butcher knife**
- 5. A chainsaw**

***\*Sidenote; The item you choose doesn't have to be featured prominently in your film. It just has to make an appearance. Furthermore, you only need to include one item. No extra points will be awarded for the use of multiple items from the list.***

Please keep in mind that even though this is the Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge, your film doesn't necessarily have to be a straightforward horror short. Your project can implement comedy, drama, adventure, etc. Just make sure that you stick to the given topic and make sure that it evokes the spirit of the Halloween season in some way.

**18. Your film project must adhere to all of the previous guidelines or it could result in being disqualified from prize eligibility.**

19. By registering for the 2023 Halloween Edition of the Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge, you agree to all of the previous terms and guidelines.

20. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us at [info@fmasu.com](mailto:info@fmasu.com). Or, again, for tips and networking, the [FMASU Filmmaking Connection Facebook page](#) is a great resource.

Happy movie-making to all of you creative filmmakers out there! Now...Scare the crap out of us!!

